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# GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT TASHILING SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK

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#### **NOTIFICATION**

Whereas, the Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) is selected as per the guidelines of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India who function as a first contact health provider to cater community service to the mass. The ASHA also acts as a health promoter and as a first hand implementer of various plans and schemes under the Government as per role and responsibility defined under the Central guidelines;

Whereas, the State Government is providing a monthly honorarium to ASHA at the rate of Rupees Ten Thousand only as a compensation towards rendering voluntarily service; Whereas, it is come to the Notice of the State Government that some of the elected women public representatives and personnel engaged under the Government's employment are also working as ASHA. Such dual responsibilities may further lead to deterioration in their performance as ASHA;

And Whereas, the State Government is empowered to modify the Central Guidelines except that no changes in the basic eligibility and selection criteria of ASHA is allowed for successful implementation and monitor of ASHA Scheme in the State level;

Now therefore, the State Government is hereby pleased to order that henceforth any woman volunteer/ voluntary activist on having elected or nominated as public representative of the State shall cease to be an ASHA. The individual who works under the State Government/ PSU/ Autonomous Organization/ Society/ Board etc. under the State Government, either on regular establishment or on temporary capacity, are also ceased to be an ASHA with immediate effect.

By Order and in the name of the Governor.

Tshewang Gyachho, SCS, Secretary to the Government. [File No. 286/ HC, HS & FW/ 2013-14]